

Memorandum



Date: June 11, 2007

To: Honorable Javier Souto, Chairperson
and Members Recreation and Cultural Affairs
Committee

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Report on upcoming Special Events, Openings and Groundbreaking Ceremonies

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Agenda Item No. 7(A)

The following is a list of special events from mid-June 2007 through mid-July for various County Departments and programs as outlined below:

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT - Visit our website at www.mdpls.org for additional program/event information. All programs are free and open to the public.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FROM JUNE 15-31, 2007

Summer Reading June 2007

Wildlife and Alligator Show

Not only exciting, but also highly educational and informative. This show will demonstrate key characteristics and traits of Florida's most remarkable wildlife: skunk, tortoise, river otter, alligator, crocodile, snake and bird of prey.

Homestead Branch, 700 N Homestead Blvd

June 9, 2007 at 11:00 AM

*Palm Springs North, 17601 NW 78 Ave

June 12, 2007 at 11:00 AM

**Key Biscayne, 299 Crandon Blvd

June 23, 2007 at 11:00 AM

Golden Glades, 100 NE 166 Street

June 23, 2007 at 2:00 PM

*This program is been funded through a generous donation from Miami-Dade Commissioner Natacha Seijas, District 13.

**Made possible by a grant from the Key Biscayne Rotary Foundation.

The Land of Yo Program

Learn cool yo-yo tricks with yo-yo experts, Robert and Stephanie Baybrook. Test your yo-yo skills with a contest. The winner will receive a brand new Yo-Yo!!

South Miami Branch, 6000 Sunset Drive

June 23, 2007 at 11:00 AM

Concord Branch, 3882 SW 112 Ave

June 27, 2007 at 3:00 PM

Coral Reef Branch, 9211 Coral Reef Drive

June 27, 2007 at 3:30 PM

Robert Hermens' Children's Magic Show

The all-time favorite! Robert will perform dazzling magic, juggle, do a funny puppet routine with Eddy the Monkey and produce two live birds and a wonderful white rabbit named Charley. It's an action-packed show with lots of comedy, guaranteed to have you laughing.

North Shore Branch, 7501 Collins Ave

June 16, 2007 at 2:00 PM

Main Library, 101 West Flagler Street

June 19, 2007 at 10:30 AM

Naranja Branch, 27056-60 South Dixie Highway

June 19, 2007 at 6:30 PM

Model City Branch, 2211 NW 54 Street

June 21, 2007 at 2:00 PM
Miami Springs Branch, 700 South Royal Poinciana Blvd
June 23, 2007 at 3:00 PM
Fairlawn Branch, 6376 SW 8th Street
June 27, 2007 at 10:00 AM
Lemon City Branch, 430 NE 61st Street
June 27, 2007 at 3:30 PM

Salty Sue the Pirate Show

Arrrrr Matey!! The treasure is in the books! Salty Sue is a seriously silly pirate who brings music, magic, original tales of the sea and rich pirate lore from Florida history.

Allapattah Branch, 1799 NW 35th Street
June 23, 2007 at 1:00 PM
South Shore Branch, 131 Alton Road
June 16, 2007 at 3:00 PM
Lakes of the Meadow Branch, 4284 SW 152nd Ave
June 21, 2007 at 11:00 AM
Tamiami Branch, 13250-52 SW 8th Street
June 21, 2007 at 1:00 PM
West Kendall Regional, 10201 Hammocks Blvd
June 21, 2007 at 3:00 PM
West Dade Regional, 9445 Coral Way
June 28, 2007 at 3:30 PM

Caricaturing Workshop

Draw funny faces and big noses just like the pros. Caricature artists will show you how to draw portraits that will compliment beautiful features or give new meaning to the term four eyes. Come see what it's all about

Coral Gables, 3443 Segovia Street
June 23, 2007 at 2:00 PM

All American Sue Storytelling

Celebrate American with Sweet and Traditional stories with magic, music and more.

Doral Branch, 10785 NW 58th Street
June 30, 2007 at 1:00 PM

Nanny Gingerbread

Nanny Gingerbread brings the lore of the ancient spice trade. She shares gingerbread magic and crafts, real spices, as well as stories, like *The Gingerbread Man* and *Hansel and Gretel*, to capture the imaginations of the young and not-so- young.

Miami Lakes Branch, 6699 Windmill Gate Road
June 30, 2007 at 3:00 PM

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FROM JULY 1-15, 2007

Professor MaGonnigal

Professor MaGonnigal arrives with wizard magic and a Potions class, Harry Potter stories, trivia and prizes, diplomas and Hogwarts Fun! The children delight in their knowledge of Harry and the five books. The professor has big trunk full of Harry Potter props and magic.

Key Biscayne, 299 Crandon Blvd
July 7, 2007 at 11:00 AM

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West Flagler Branch, 5050 West Flagler Street

July 12, 1007 at 10:00 AM

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Culmer/Overtown Branch, 350 NW 13th Street

July 5, 2007 at 11:00 AM

Shenandoah Branch, 2111 SW 19th Street

July 11, 2007 at 11:00 AM

The Land of Yo Program

Learn cool yo-yo tricks with yo-yo experts, Robert and Stephanie Baybrook. Test your yo-yo skills with a contest. The winner will receive a brand new Yo-Yo!!

North Central Branch, 9590 NW 27th Ave

July 18, 2007 at 3:00 PM

Need 2 Read Puppet Show

What if you tried to bake a cake...without following the directions? You could end up in a big mess! This program is designed to challenge kids to read... show them how reading can be "FUN"! Help children understand how reading can enrich their lives...

Palm Springs North Branch, 17601 NW 78th Avenue

July 14, 2007 at 11:00 AM

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Little River Branch, 160 NE 79th Street

July 14, 2007 at 10:00 AM

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT ART EXHIBITIONS

To the Barbershop: Call and Response Series #2

A series of photographs by Richard Davenport from the Library's permanent collection, depicting black barbershops in Miami during the early 1980's, is juxtaposed with new photographs by Miami photojournalist and documentarian Noelle Théard for the second installment of the Library's *Call and Response* series, in which artists are invited to respond to works in the Library's permanent art collection.

North Dade Regional Branch, 2455 NW 183 Street

Through December 16

Everglades Forever by Edwin Villasmil and Elba Martinez

Edwin Villasmil and Elba Martinez are artists, environmental activists and educators. After arriving in Miami from Venezuela two years ago, they began a project of obsessive research of the Everglades through the library system, documenting what they found through art.

Main Library, 101 West Flagler Street, 2nd Floor Exhibition Space

Through August 10

Art on the Move-VSA Arts of Florida

VSA Arts of Florida in partnership with the Mailman Center for Child Development

Main Library Auditorium, 101 West Flagler Street

Through August 6, 2007

Library and the Lens: Photographs from the Permanent Collection

West Kendall Regional, 10201 Hammocks Blvd
Through August 23

This exhibition includes color and black-and-white photographs from the Library's Permanent Collection. Included are works by Mario Algaze, Eduardo del Valle, Mirta Gomez, Silvia Lizama, Joseph Tamargo, Roberto Machado Ortega and C. Junquera.

Pradeep Dalal: Go West and Malabar Hill

Coral Gables Branch, 3443 Segovia Street
Through August 27

In Pradeep Dalal's photomontages, he assembles different time periods, textures and photographic genres into one image as a way to "bring together disparate-even contradictory" autobiographical experiences.

Special event: Art against the climate crisis (working title)

Combat the climate crisis through art. In conjunction with Edwin Villasmil and Elba Martinez's *Everglades Forever* exhibition, and in support of Live Earth (a worldwide day of concerts to combat global warming), come take part in workshops with artists Villasmil and Martinez, contribute to a drawing project as part of the exhibition; celebrate the 60th anniversary of Everglades National Park and the publication of *The Everglades: River of Grass*; see a low-tech, site-specific installation illustrating the effects of climate change on Miami, and more.

Main Library
July 7, 2007 from 12:00 – 3:00pm

PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT - Visit our website at <http://www.miamidade.gov/parks/> for additional program/event information.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

The Historical Museum is located in downtown Miami in the Miami-Dade Cultural Center, across the street from Metro-rail's Government Center Station at 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida 33130. Hours are Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Third Thurs. 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. and Sun. noon - 5 p.m. Admission for adults is \$5, children (ages 6-12) is \$2, and children under 6 are free. Saturday is free admission; Sunday is by contribution.

ONGOING EXHIBITION

Tropical Dreams: A People's History of South Florida
On display year-round

Explore 10,000 years of South Florida history as you wander through the Historical Museum of Southern Florida's permanent exhibition, Tropical Dreams: A People's History of South Florida. Visit a re-creation of the Miami Circle and view a sea turtle shell and other artifacts from this 2,000 year-old settlement at the mouth of the Miami River. Walk through the homes of Seminole Indians and Anglo-American settlers in South Florida. Climb on board an actual 1920s trolley and take a video tour of downtown Miami, Miami Beach and Coral Gables. View photographs of the African American community of Overtown, and see a Haitian boat and a Cuban raft that brought refugees to Miami. Also on permanent display are original prints of John James Audubon's paintings of Florida birds.

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

Miami Bungalows
May 17 through September 9, 2007

The bungalow was a popular house type with the growing middle class across America during the early twentieth century. Ample porches, wide eaves, local building materials and natural ventilation made the bungalow well suited to South Florida's subtropical environment. In spite of their practicality, bungalows today are rapidly disappearing from the Miami landscape to make room for new developments. View this important part of Miami's dwelling heritage through drawings, photographs and models built by architecture students. Guest curator is Jose Vazquez, a professor of architecture at Miami Dade College.

Water Stories
June 22 through January 20, 2008

Water Stories will explore our interaction with water in South Florida over the past 10,000 years through a family-friendly, multi-sensory experience with four main themes: nourishment, transportation, recreation and environmental impacts. See prehistoric maritime artifacts, a commercial fisherman's gear and rods and reels spanning from the nineteenth century to the present. View a chronology of water vessels, including an Indian canoe, a trapper's skiff, a sailboat designed for Biscayne Bay's shallow waters and a Cuban refugee raft. Catch a sailfish using a fishing simulator. Experience hurricane force winds in a tropical cyclone simulator, and see the effects of rising waters and flooding in a storm surge simulation model. View a large aquarium with live fish, and select historical events along a timeline to compare and contrast with recent stories.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Water Stories Exhibition Opening, Saturday, June 23
1-4 pm

Enjoy guided tours of the exhibition, interactive activities, live music, food and fun. HMSF members and children under 12 free, Non-members \$5.

Programs for Families and Children

Tropical Explorers Summer Camp
9 am to 5 pm (early 8:30 am drop-off and late 5:30 pm pick-up)
May 31-August 10, 2007

Give your child a summer camp experience they will never forget. These weeklong camp sessions at the Historical Museum of Southern Florida are packed with exciting hands-on indoor and outdoor activities, ideal for children 6 to 12 years of age. The museum's highly skilled educators and counselors guide campers to discover the treasures of South Florida's history through gallery games, music, arts and crafts, field trips to historical sites and much more! HMSF members \$30 per day, Non-members \$35 per day, HMSF members \$115 per week, Non-members \$120 per week

MIAMI ART MUSEUM (MAM) - Website Providing Event information:
<http://www.miamiartmuseum.org>

Name of Event: Second Saturdays are Free for Families –
Date of Event: June 9, 2007
Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130
Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000
Description of Event: MAM's gallery teachers lead creative projects inspired by the exhibitions on view. Curate a Collection -- Design your own museum gallery diorama.

Website Providing Event information: <http://www.miamiartmuseum.org>

Name of Event: JAM at MAM
Date of Event: June 21, 5-8:30pm
Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130
Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000
Description of Event: Happy hour with an artful twist.
Website Providing Event information: <http://www.miamiartmuseum.org>

Name of Event: Tamayo: A Modern Icon Reinterpreted
Date of Event: June 24 – September 16, 2007
Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130
Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000
Description of Event: The first major exhibition in the U.S. of the work of the Mexican master, Rufino Tamayo (1899-1991), in nearly thirty years.
Website Providing Event information: <http://www.miamiartmuseum.org>

Name of Event: Festival of Mexico: Oaxaca!
Date of Event: June 24
Location of Event: Miami Art Museum, 101 West Flagler, Miami, FL 33130
Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000
Description of Event: Folk dancers, musicians, food and arts and crafts from Oaxaca mark the public opening of Tamayo: A Modern Icon Reinterpreted.
Website Providing Event information: <http://www.miamiartmuseum.org>

VIZCAYA MUSEUM AND GARDENS UPCOMING PUBLIC PROGRAMS - For further information:
305.860.8436 or visit their website at: learning.programs@vizcayamuseum.org

Event: Vizcaya: Family Program Art-Making
Event Date: 06/10/07 01:00PM
Location: 3251 South Miami Avenue – South Terrace
Description: James Deering, Vizcaya's founder, enjoyed boating and fishing on Biscayne Bay. Learn about the boats James Deering owned, design your own boat and test it for floatation. Drop-in anytime between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. Free with admission.

Event: Vizcaya: FREE Sundays
Event Date: 07/29/07 09:30 AM
Contact #: 305-860-8436
Location: 3251 South Miami Avenue
Description: Vizcaya Museum and Gardens opens its gates free of charge on the last Sundays in July, August, and September of 2007 for a day of free programs and activities for all ages. Vizcaya is a Miami-Dade County-owned estate that belongs to everyone in the community, and we're delighted to welcome all visitors, including those who may not have previously visited this National Historic Landmark.

MIAMI SCIENCE MUSEUM (MSM) - Website Providing Event information: <http://www.miamisci.org>

Name of Event: **Fabulous First Friday**
Date of Event: June 1, 2007
Location of Event: Miami Science Museum, 3280 South Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33129

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-646-4200

Description of Event: Science Salon at 7:00 PM – *Stem Cells: What do we know?* Presented by Professor Joy Lincoln from UM's Miller School of Medicine. Free star show and observatory from 8:00 to 10:00 PM, laser light shows at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 PM (admission \$7 per show), hands-on experiments and exhibits.

Name of Event: **Lizard Day**

Date of Event: June 10, 2007

Location of Event: Miami Science Museum, 3280 South Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33129

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-646-4200

Description of Event: A day devoted to all things lizard – bring in your own lizard and enter contests for largest, smallest, most exotic lizard. Learn about the different types of lizards, and “eat like a lizard” with our chef’s insect creations.

Name of Event: **The Dinosaurs of China**

Date of Event: June 16 premiere

Location of Event: Miami Science Museum, 3280 South Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33129

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-646-4200

Description of Event: The world premiere of some of the finest and most rare dinosaur fossils ever discovered. This exhibition features 52 dinosaur fossils and 14 gargantuan-sized skeletons, including the 85-foot long *Mamenchisaurus jiguanensis*, the longest-necked dinosaur to have ever lived.

Name of Event: **Science Summer Camp**

Date of Event: June 11-August 3, 2007

Location of Event: Miami Science Museum, 3280 South Miami Avenue, Miami, FL 33129

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-646-4223

Description of Event: The Museum’s 41st annual summer camp, featuring our new exhibition, “The Dinosaurs of China”. Over 250 classes available for children from pre-K through 8th grade.

CARNIVAL CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Performances between June 1, 2007 and June 30, 2007

Creo Productions Presents

Mercedes Sosa - Corazon Libre

latin pop



June 1 @ 8 p.m.

Grammy winner Mercedes Sosa is back in Miami bringing with her an incredible body of poetry and music. She has all the polish, prowess and majesty of an opera diva and the heart and soul of a folk troubadour. Such singular blend of qualities has allowed her to perform with such diverse artists as Joan Baez, Luciano Pavarotti, and Sting.

Even if you're not fluent in Spanish, but Mercedes Sosa requires no translation. Hers is the song of all those who have overcome their fear to singing out.

Ziff Ballet Opera House

comedy



Fantasma Presents

Steven Wright

June 1 @ 8 p.m.

Comedy Program. Adult Language.

Knight Concert Hall

theater



Summer Shorts

June 7 - July 8, 2007

Dubbed "America's Short Play Festival", Summer Shorts brings the nation's best "short" plays to thousands each year in one sizzling, signature event. Join us for a brand new season of hilarious and heartfelt plays, wrapped up in two alternating programs, A and B. See one program or see them both, along with delicious "Theatre Fare" served on-site at the fabulous Carnival Center. However you choose to enjoy the festival, Summer Shorts is your hottest ticket for the coolest night in town!

Studio Theater

Alex Muñoz
Assistant County Manager